

Thursday, March 2, 2000

**Center Director, others
praise efforts of STS-99
team**



**Endeavour starts
preparation cycle
for its next flight**

▲ Congratulations on SRTM Mission

“Well Done!” - Roy Bridges

“On behalf of the entire the Earth Science Enterprise, I want to extend my congratulations and special thanks to all members of the STS-99/SRTM Team on an incredibly successfully mission. The preparation, dedication and resourcefulness of the entire team showed throughout the mission. NIMA, their customers and the entire Earth science community have an incredible data set thanks to your efforts. Congratulations and. . . thanks to all the team members.”

– Mike Luther, Deputy Associate Administrator, Office Of Earth Science

“I watched as the Shuttle landed. . . delighted that our mission objective of collection had been safely accomplished. The engineering skill and the commitment of the SRTM team [ensured that the collection]. . . is getting rave reviews throughout our community in DOD. Viewers of the radar imagery, the anaglyphs, and the perspective scenes have high expectations about the quality and the value of this effort. . . . And each of you can take some share of credit. Our thanks, also, to the support team that makes these ventures successful: the person who sweeps the halls and empties wastebaskets and helps make the working environment habitable; the sustaining support who prepares memos and briefings; the clerical support who makes copies and sends faxes and arranges and rearranges meetings. Thank you all!” – Bobbi Lenczowski, deputy director, Operations, The National Imagery & Mapping Agency (NIMA)



◆ **Shuttle Update: Endeavour’s post-flight inspections** were completed last week and the payload bay doors were opened on Friday. Removal of the SRTM occurred Feb. 29 and it was transferred to the Space Station Processing Facility on March 1. Endeavour’s engines are being removed this week. The next planned flight

for Endeavour is mission STS-97, the sixth flight to the International Space Station.

◆ **March is Women’s History Month.** The Federal Women’s Program Working Group (FWPWG) is

hosting a breakfast at the Saturn V Facility at 8 a.m. on March 9. The guest speaker for the breakfast is Sally Putnam Chapman, the step-granddaughter of Amelia Earhart and author of the book *Whistled Like A Bird*. Tickets are \$8.50, available from Jane Eitel, Charlotte Becker, Valerie Franklin, Jan Corbin, Sandy Walsh, Connie Dobrin, Peggy Parrish or EO Office.

◆ **Did You Know?** The lack of rainfall last month poses a safety concern regarding wild fires. **Controlled burns** are being conducted around the Center in hope to prevent any wild fires.

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